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SUBJECT

SAMOS

SUMMARY

1. In General Power's letter to General White, dated 29 June 1960, he outlines important points that should be carefully considered in the preparation of the SAMOS review to NSC.

2. The proposed reply to General Power assures him that consideration will be given in all deliberations. Further, it points out the establishment of an OSD Ad Hoc Committee to further study the ground data handling and notes that the NSC is currently scheduled for 25 August 1960.

RECOMMENDATION

3. That the proposed reply to General Power be signed.

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Proposed reply to Gen Power

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26 JUL 1960

General Thomas D. White
Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Tommy

In your letter of 17 June you point out the many problems encountered in the SAMOS project. I wholeheartedly agree that the first and primary effort must be devoted to those steps which will insure Air Force operation of the system.

In response to your request we are preparing the study pertaining to our capability to exploit SAMOS information. In the interim, the following factors may be considered in preparation of an Air Force position for the National Security Council briefing. We are capable of exploiting the SAMOS take for our own use with our present equipments and facilities. Further, this command is prepared to duplicate and distribute any SAMOS photographic take through our reconnaissance technical facility. However, we feel that a significant increase in our capabilities can be made as the SAMOS volume increases, if the SAMOS Sub-System I equipments are added to our present data handling system.

In regard to the matter of hardening the SAMOS facility it should be pointed out that SAC has not requested that the SAMOS Operational Center (SOC) be hardened. It has been stated, rather, that, if a hardened facility were provided for SAC, then the SAMOS Operational Center would be a part of the hardened [illegible] trol center whose function would include operational control of all strategic weapon systems of the space age.

With respect to the SAMOS intelligence data processing sub-system, [illegible] desirable, at least for the [illegible] information [illegible] SAMOS data handling and [illegible] command and [illegible] question of the optimum Department of Defense

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our opinion that these are important points that should be
carefully considered by your headquarters in future discussions
and plans for this project.

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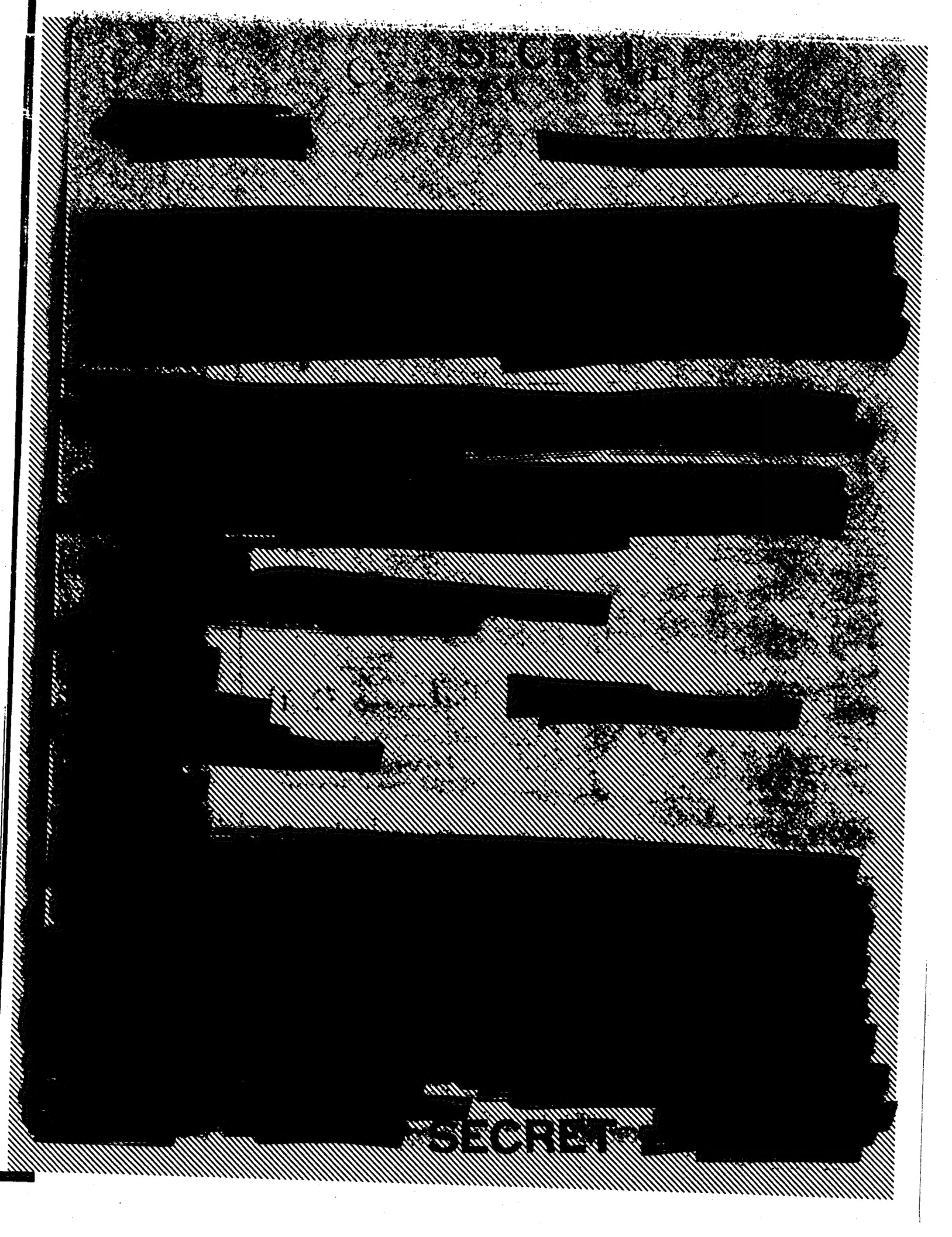
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